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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHATTERJEE, Deb. K.

Appl. No.: (Divisional of 08/706,702)

Filed: (Herewith)

For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases from
Thermotoga Maritima and Mutants
Thereof**

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: K. Hendricks

Atty Docket: 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that this application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete page 1, line 4-11, in their entirety and substitute therefor:

--This application is a divisional of Application No. 08/706,702 filed September 6, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/689,807, filed August 14, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/537,400, filed October 2, 1995, now pending. Application No. 08/706,702 is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/576,759, filed December 21, 1995, presently pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/537,397, filed October 2, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-